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Sir:

Applicant respectfully inquires as to the status of this application. The application was filed on May 2, 2001. The last communication received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was an Updated Filing Receipt issued on November 9, 2001. On February 21, 2002 an Information Disclosure Statement was filed by applicant in connection with this application.

We would appreciate information as to the status of this application and, if possible, an estimation as to when an Office Action in this case might be forthcoming. A telephone reply to this inquiry would be welcome. Please direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned at (415) 781-1989.

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